

fix *fix* **vb** [ME, fr. L *fixus*, pp. of *figere* to fasten; akin to Lith *dygti* to sprout, break through] **v1** (14c) **1 a** : to make firm, stable, or stationary **b** : to give a permanent or final form to: as (1) : to change into a stable compound or available form *bacteria* that \sim nitrogen (2) : to kill, harden, and preserve for microscopic study (3) : to make the image of (a photographic film) permanent by removing unused salts **c** : AFFIX. ATTACH **2 a** : to hold or direct steadily (\sim es his eyes on the horizon) **b** : to capture the attention of (\sim ed her with a stare) **3 a** : to set or place definitely: ESTABLISH **b** : to make an accurate determination of: DISCOVER (\sim ing our location on the chart) **c** : ASSIGN (\sim the blame) **4** : to set in order: ADJUST **5** : to get ready: PREPARE (\sim lunch) **6 a** : REPAIR, MEND (\sim the clock) **b** : RESTORE, CURE (*the doctor \sim ed him up*) **c** : SPAY, CASTRATE **7 a** : to get even with **b** : to influence the actions, outcome, or effect of by improper or illegal methods (*the race had been \sim ed*) \sim vi **1** : to become firm, stable, or fixed **2** : to get set: be on the verge (*we're \sim ing to leave soon*) **3** : to direct one's attention or efforts: FOCUS; also **DECIDE, SETTLE** — usu. used with *on* **had \sim ed** on the first Saturday in June) **syn** see FASTEN — **fixable** *fix-able* *fix-sa-bəl* *adj*

fix *fix* **n** (1809) **1** : a position of difficulty or embarrassment: PREDICAMENT **2 a** : the position (as of a ship) determined by bearings, observations, or radio; also: a determination of one's position **b** : an accurate determination or understanding esp. by observation or analysis **3** : an act or instance of improper or illegal fixing (*the \sim was in*) **4** : a supply or dose of something strongly desired or craved (*a coffee \sim* ; esp: a shot of a narcotic) **5** : FIXATION **6** : something that fixes or restores: SOLUTION (*an easy \sim*)

fix-ate *fix-ate* **vb** *fix*-**at-ed**; *fix*-**at-ing** **vt** (1885) **1** : to make fixed, stationary, or unchanging **2** : to focus one's gaze on **3** : to direct (the libido) toward an infantile form of gratification \sim vi **1** : to focus or concentrate one's gaze or attention intently or obsessively **2** : to undergo arrestment at a stage of development

fixated *fix-ated* **adj** (1926) : arrested in development or adjustment; esp: arrested at a pregenital level of psychosexual development

fix-ation *fix-ation* **n** (14c) : the act, process, or result of fixing, fixating, or becoming fixated: as **a** : a persistent concentration of libidinal energies upon objects characteristic of psychosexual stages of development preceding the genital stage **b** : stereotyped behavior (as in response to frustration) **c** : an obsessive or unhealthy preoccupation or attachment

fix-a-tive *fix-a-tiv* **n** (ca. 1859) : something that fixes or sets: as **a** : a substance added to a perfume esp. to prevent too rapid evaporation **b** : a substance used to fix living tissue **c** : a varnish used esp. for the protection of drawings (as in pastel or charcoal) — **fixative** *adj*

fixed *fix*-**ed** **adj** (14c) **1 a** : securely placed or fastened: **STATIONARY** **b** (1) : NONVOLATILE (2) : formed into a chemical compound **c** (1) : not subject to change or fluctuation (*a \sim income*) (2) : firmly set in the mind (*a \sim idea*) (3) : having a final or crystallized form or character (4) : recurring on the same date from year to year (*\sim holidays*) **d** : IMMOBILE, CONCENTRATED (*a \sim stare*) **2** : supplied with something (as money) needed *comfortably \sim* — **fixed-ly** *fix*-**ed**, *fix*-**le, *fix*-**le **adv** — **fixed-ness** *fix*-**ed-nəs, *fix*-**le-nəs *n*********

fixed charge *fixed charge* **n** (ca. 1901) : a regularly recurring expense (as rent, taxes, or interest) that must be met when due

fixed oil *oil* **n** (ca. 1791) : a nonvolatile oil; esp: a fatty oil — compare **ES-**

SENTENTIAL *adj* (1751) *of or relating to a sentence*
fixed-point *adj* (1948) : involving or being a mathematical notation (as in a decimal system) in which the point separating whole numbers and fractions is fixed — compare FLOATING-POINT
fixed star *n* (1551) : a star so distant that its motion can be measured by precise observations over long periods

only by very precise observations over long periods
fix-er \fik-sor\ n (1601) : one that fixes: as **a** : a person who intervenes to enable someone to circumvent the law or obtain a political favor **b** : a person who adjusts matters or disputes by negotiation **c** : SODIUM

fix-er-up-per *'fik-sər-,ə-pər* *n* (ca. 1977) : something (as a house or

fix-er-up-per \fik-sər-ə-pər\ *n* (ca. 1977) : something (as a car) that needs fixing up
fix-ing \fiks-ing\ *n* (1605) 1 : the act or process of one that fixes 2 *pl* \of\ *ten-sənz*; customary accompaniments: TRIMMINGS *(a turkey dinner)*

fix-ity \fik-sa-tē\ *n, pl -ties* (1666) 1 : the quality or state of being fixed or stable 2 : something that is fixed

fix-ture *ˈfiks-chər* *n* [modif. of LL *fixura*, fr. L *fixus*] (1598) 1 : the act or process of fixing : the state of being fixed 2 a : something that is fixed or stable *the building is a permanent appendage or as a fixture*

act or process : *fitting* **a** : a device or part that is fixed or attached (as to a building) as a permanent appendage or as a structural part <a plumbing ~> **b** : a device for supporting work during machining **c** : an item of movable property so incorporated into another that it may be regarded as legally a part of it **3** : a family

real property that it may be regarded as legally a part of it 3 : a familiar or invariably present element or feature in some particular setting esp. : a person long associated with a place or activity 4 : a settled date or time esp. for a sporting or festive event; also : such an event esp. as a regularly scheduled affair

regularly scheduled affair
fix up *vt* (1764) 1 : REFURBISH *(fix up the attic)* 2 : to set right : SET TLE *(fixed up their dispute)* 3 : to provide with something needed or wanted: esp : to arrange a date for

fizz *'fiz* *vi* [prob. of imit. origin] (1685) 1 : to make a hissing or spattering sound : **EFFERVESCE** 2 : to show excitement or exhilaration **fizz** *n* (1842) 1 **a** : a hissing sound **b** : **SPIRIT, LIVELINESS** 2 : an **e**

fiz·zle *v. i.* ¹*to burst with bubbles; fizz.* ²*to be a failure; fizzle.* ³*to be a bore; pall.* ⁴*to be a missing standard.* ⁵*to be a bore; pall.*

v-[ə-]nūl [perh. alter. of *fall* (see *fall*)] (1840) 1: **FIZZ** 2: to fail or end feebly esp. after a promising start — often used with *out*

fizzle *n* (1846) : an abortive effort : FAIL-
URE
fiord also **fiord** *\fēr'ôrd, \fēr'-ē; \fyôr'd\ n*
1. *Scand* *fjord* *ON* *fjörðr* — more at

[Norw *fjord*, fr. ON *fjorthr* — more at FORD] (1674) : a narrow inlet of the sea up to steep slopes.

FORD (1970) a narrow valley between cliffs or steep slopes	4
fl abbr 1 flanker 2 floor 3 florin	4
[L <i>florūs</i>] flourished 5 fluid	
FL abbr 1 Florida 2 focal length	3
foreign language	
	fjord

fjord

fla abbr Florida
flab \flab\ n [back-formation fr. **flabby**] (1951) : soft flabby
flab-ber-gast \fla-bör-geast\ vt [origin unknown] (1772) :
whelm with shock, surprise, or wonder : DUMBOUNDF
prise — **flab-ber-gast-ing-ly** \-gas-tin-ly\ adv
flab-by \fla-bé\ adj **flab-be-er**; **-est** [alter. of **flappy**] (1694) :
ing resilience or firmness : FLACCID 2 : weak and ineffi-
ble — **flab-bi-ly** \fla-bé-lé\ adv — **flab-be-ness** \fla-bé-néss\ n
flac-cid \fla-sid\ also **'flak-sid** adj [L *flaccidus*, fr. *flaccidus*]
(1620) 1 a : not firm or stiff; also : lacking normal or
ness (as *muscles*) b **of a plant part** : deficient in turgor
vigor or force (as *leadership*) — **flac-cid-i-ty** \flak-sid-i-té\ n
flac-cid-ly \flak-sid-lé\ adv
flack \flak\ n [origin unknown] (1939) : one who provi-
esp : PRESS AGENT — **flack-ery** \fla-k(ə)-ré\ n
flack var of FLAK
flack v. (1965) : to provide publicity : engage in press-ag-
fla-con \fla-kon\, -kán; fla-kö\ n [F, fr. MF. bottik]
FLAGON (1524) : a small usu. ornamental bottle with a long
flag \flag also **'flag** n [ME *flage* reed, rush] (14c) :
monocotyledonous plants with long ensiform leaves: a :
a wild iris b : SWEET FLAG
2 flag n, often attrib [prob. akin to *fag* end of cloth — more at *fag*]
(1530) 1 : a usu. rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive
is used as a symbol (as of a nation), as a signaling device,
or as a signal (as of a ship) 2 a : the tail of some dogs (as a setter or hound)
hair fringing a dog's tail b : the tail of a deer 3 a : a flag
like a flag to signal or attract attention b : one of the notes
a musical note less than a quarter note in value 4 : a signal
sent by a flag as a : FLAGSHIP b : an admiral's ship
office of command c : NATIONALITY; esp : the national
of a ship or aircraft
3 flag v flagged; **flag-ging** (1856) 1 : to signal with or as if with a flag
esp : to signal to stop (*flagged the train*) — often used with *up*
: to mark or identify with or as if with a flag (*flagged problems in the proposal*) 3 : to call a penalty on : PENALTY
flagged for being offside
4 flag vi flagged; **flag-ging** [prob. fr. *flag*] (1545) 1 :
without stiffness 2 a : to become unsteady, feeble, or weak
decline in interest, attraction, or value (*flagging stock*)
5 flag n [ME *flage* turf, perh. fr. ON *flaga* slab; akin to *flax*]
(1604) : a hard evenly stratified stone that splits into flat
for paving; also : a piece of such stone
6 flag v flagged; **flag-ging** (1615) : to lay (as a pavement)
flag day n (1894) 1 **cap F&D** : June 14 observed in some
commemoration of the adoption in 1777 of the official
: a day on which charitable contributions are solicited
small flags
fla-gel-lant \fla-jé-lant, fla-je-lant\ n (ca. 1587) 1 : one
scourges himself or herself as a public penance 2 : one
spends sexually to being beaten by or to beating another
gellant adj — **fla-gel-lant-ism** \-lan-ti-zé\ n
fla-gel-lar \fla-jé-lar, fla-ja-lar\ adj (ca. 1889) : of or relating to
gum
1 fla-ge-late \fla-jé-lát, -lát\ vt -lat-ed; -lat-ing [L *flagellare*,
late, fr. *flagellum*, dim. of *flagrum* whip; perh. akin to *flax*]
(ca. 1623) 1 : WHIP, SCOURGE 2 : to drive as if by
whipping
2 fla-ge-late \fla-jé-lát, -lát; fla-je-lát\ adj [NL *flagellatus*,
(ca. 1859) 1 a or **flag-el-lat-ed** \fla-jé-lát\ adj : shaped like a flagellum 2 [*flagellate*] : of, relating to, or
flagellates (as *diarrhea*)
3 flagellate \same as 2\ n [NL *Flagellata*, class of micro-
fr. neut. pl. of *flagellatus*] (1879) : a flagellate protozoan
flag-el-la-tion \fla-jé-lá-shon\ n (15c) : the act of flagellating
flag-el-la-tor \fla-jé-lá-tör\ n (1855) : one who practices flagellating
flag-el-lin \fla-jé-lin\ n [*flagellum* + *-in*] (1955) :
that is the chief constituent of bacterial flagella and the
specificity of the flagellum in eliciting an immune
fla-gel-lum \fla-jé-lüm\ n, pl -la -la also -lums [L]
of a plant] (1852) : any of various elongated filiform
plants or animals: as a : the slender distal part of a
long tapering process that projects singly or in groups
the primary organ of motion of many microorganisms
1 fla-geo-let \fla-jé-lét, -já\ n [F, fr. OF *flajol*,
**flabeolum*, fr. L *flare* to blow — more at BLOW]
flute resembling the treble recorder
2 flageolet \fla-jé-lé\ n [F, dim. of *flageolle* kidney bean, *phaseolus* —
more at *FRIOLE*] (1877) : a green bean
French cuisine
flag football n (1954) : a variation of football in which
remove a flag attached to the balccarrier's clothing
flagging adj (1545) 1 : LANGUID, WEAK 2 : **des-
less** : DWINDLING — **flag-ging-ly** adv
fla-gi-flous \fla-jí-shé\ adj [ME *flagious*, fr. L *flagellum*]
shameful thing] (14c) : marked by scandalous or
ous — **fla-gi-flous-ly** adv — **fla-gi-flous-ness** \-nés\ n
flag-man \fla-gmán\ n (1832) : a person who flies
flag of convenience (1956) : registry of a merchant
sign flag in order to profit from less restrictive regulations
flag officer n [fr. such officers being entitled to fly
or more stars indicating rank] (1665) : any of the
coast guard above captain — compare **GENERAL**
flag of truce (1582) : a white flag carried or displayed
an invitation to conference or parley
flag-on \fla-gón\ n [ME, fr. MF *flascon*, *flacon*]
flasco — more at *FLASK*] (15c) 1 a : a large glass
sel (as for wine) with handle and spout and often a
ing short-necked bottle 2 : the contents of a flagon
flag-pole \fla-pôl\ n (1854) : a pole on which a
flag-grance \flá-grâns\ (s) also \flá-n\ n (ca. 1615)
fla-gran-cy \flá-grant\ (s) also \fla-n\ (1599)
being flagrant
flag rank n (1894) : the rank of a flag officer



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-adjective

- 1. fastened, attached, or placed so as to be firm and not readily movable; firmly implanted; stationary; rigid.
- 2. rendered stable or permanent, as color.
- 3. set or intent upon something; steadily directed: *a fixed stare*.
- 4. definitely and permanently placed: *a fixed buoy*; *a fixed line of defense*.
- 5. not fluctuating or varying; definite: *a fixed purpose*.
- 6. supplied with or having enough of something necessary or wanted, as money.
- 7. coming each year on the same calendar date: *Christmas is a fixed holiday*, but *Easter is not*.
- 8. put in order.
- 9. *Informal*. arranged in advance privately or dishonestly: *a fixed horse race*.
- 10. *Chemistry*.
 - a. (of an element) taken into a compound from its free state.
 - b. nonvolatile, or not easily volatilized: *a fixed oil*.
- 11. *Mathematics*. (of a point) mapped to itself by a given function.

Compare BROUWER FIXED-POINT THEOREM.

Origin:

1350–1400; ME; see FIX, -ED ²

Related forms:

fix-ed-ly Show IPA, adverb
 fix-ed-ness, noun

Synonyms:

- 3. constant, steady, unvarying, unwavering, firm.

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fix Show IPA verb, fixed or fixt, fix-ing, noun

-verb (used with object)

- 1. to repair; mend.
- 2. to put in order or in good condition; adjust or arrange: *She fixed her hair in a bun*.
- 3. to make fast, firm, or stable.
- 4. to place definitely and more or less permanently: *to fix a circus poster to a wall*.
- 5. to settle definitely; determine: *to fix a price*.
- 6. to direct (the eyes, the attention, etc.) steadily: *His eyes were fixed on the distant ship*.
- 7. to attract and hold (the eye, the attention, etc.).
- 8. to make set or rigid.
- 9. to put into permanent form.
- 10. to put or place (responsibility, blame, etc.) on a person.
- 11. to assign or refer to a definite place, time, etc.
- 12. to provide or supply with (something needed or wanted): *How are you fixed for money?*
- 13. or dishonestly: *to fix a jury*; *to fix a game*.
- 14. to get (a meal); prepare (food): *What time shall I fix supper?*
- 15. *Informal*. to put in a condition or position to make no further trouble.
- 16. *Informal*. to get even with; get revenge upon: *I'll fix him!*
- 17. *Informal*. to castrate or spay (an animal, esp. a pet).
- 18. *Chemistry*.
 - a. to make stable in consistency or condition; reduce from fluidity or volatility to a more stable state.
 - b. to convert atmospheric nitrogen into a useful compound, as a nitrate fertilizer.
- 19. *Photography*. to render (an image) permanent by removing light-sensitive silver halides.
- 20. *Microscopy*: to kill, make rigid, and preserve for microscopic study.

-verb (used without object)

- 21. to become fixed.
- 22. to become set; assume a rigid or solid form.
- 23. to become stable or permanent.

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